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Applicants:	Mark Ortiz et al.
Serial No:	09/677,981
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Art Unit:	3762
Examiner:	Scott M. Getzow
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2003 for a period of three (3) months.
2. Applicant is

a small entity
 other than a small entity

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Extension of

<u>(months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
_____ one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
_____ four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
_____ five months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee \$475.00

4. Amendment

[X] is filed on even date herewith
[] has been filed on []

5. Fee Payment

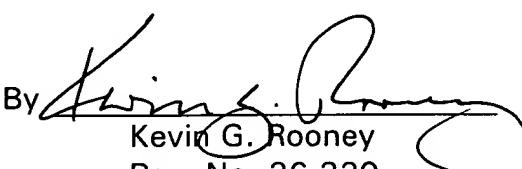
[X] Attached is a check in the sum of \$475.00.

6. [] Charge extension fee of \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.
A duplicate of this petition is attached.

7. [X] Charge any additional extension fee required or credit any
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this
petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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